

Training to Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes Candidates for Medical Entrance Examination

1629. SHRI ANADICHRAN DAS: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government monitors the benefits provided to the candidates belonging to Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes seeking admission to undergraduate medical courses through the programme of pre-examination training schemes taken up by the Government since 1984-85 ; and

(b) if so, the number of SC/ST candidates imparted the training so far, alongwith the number of candidates who have become successful in the examination, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) All the State Governments/Universities were requested on 23 August 1989 to provide coaching for professional courses like Medical /Engineering under the Centrally Sponsored Coaching and Allied Scheme.

(b) The information is being collected.

[*Translation*]

Jobs to drought Affected People of U.P. and Bihar

1630. SHRI RAJESH KUMAR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Uttar Pradesh and Bihar have submitted a scheme to the Union Government for providing non-agricultural jobs to people in these States where economy has been affected due to recurring droughts;

(b) if so, whether the Union Government have carried out a survey of drought affected

areas in the above States during the last three years;

(c) if so, the findings thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether Government have provided any financial assistance to the State Governments for this scheme; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, whether the above scheme is proposed to be included in the Eighth Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (e). Does not arise.

Foreign Contributions for Rajiv Gandhi foundation

1631. SHRI CHHEDI PASWAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state the amount received so far from foreign countries for the Rajiv Gandhi Foundation, country-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB) : Rajiv Gandhi Foundation was registered under Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, 1976 on 2.8.1991. The return for the receipt of foreign contribution by the association will become due within Sixty days on the expiry of financial year 1991-92.

[*English*]

Scholarship to Poor Students

1632. SHRI VIJAY KUMAR YADAV: SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA: SHRI V. KRISHNA RAO: